

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 31, as follows:

FIG. 4B illustrates an exemplary plan view of a keypad 250, in accordance with at least a still further embodiment of the present invention. The keypad 250, illustrated in FIG. 4B, differs from the keypad 200, illustrated in FIG. 4A, in that the orientation of each of the multiple keys ~~252~~ ~~250~~ is reversed (i.e. rotated approximately 180 degrees). In other words, as opposed to pointing upward, the triangular shaped keys located in the outside columns point downward. The keys located in the center column, alternatively point upward. Such an orientation enables an external contour 254 of a device incorporating the keypad 250 to have a more closely conforming taper 256, proximate the bottom row keys in the outside columns of the keypad 250.